

The "Age" Gets "Bumped" Over Its First "Milestone"

● May 3rd the "Age" publishes "No. 1," Vol. 2 & proudly proclaims it's the first local paper to publish 52 consecutive issues—and then meets strong opposition. The fair but blunt editor, who has been calling a spade a spade, was thereby digging the graves of some would-be high spenders of public funds. Seemingly the last straw to the ambitions of some "soft-seekers" was his blasting of their efforts to pass a second by-law for \$10,000 in six months, the latter for new mun. buildings. And this after a verbal (at least) understanding to the ratepayers that no further "borrowings" would be made.

● The picture in last issue and the exact location of the Lumbers butcher shop in this, helps give some additional credence to the possibility that the Peter Ferguson store WAS built in 1883.

● Store employees of today may not be in such a hurry to strike for shorter hours and higher wages after reading what it was like just "100 Years Ago."

● The ball club formed was not the first; not by eight years.

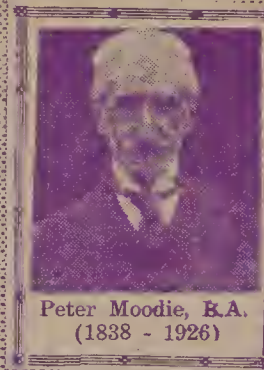
● It's hoped that many will read and enjoy the editorials. Try and form a just and fair opinion of Moodie and his writings. We may be biased in giving him too much credit; but perhaps we understand his problems better than most.

● The "beloved pastor" of pioneer days (Rev. Stalker) chooses to stay with his congregation though his worth was recognized far and wide.

● The Geo. McCrae account of the trip from Dauphin area, and how the new settlers there are faring, is of interest. Mr. McCrae was one of the original settlers at Palestine in 1871; and here he's out on the trail again.

● The few "Plain Words" that Editor Moodie opens the "24th" with may be misconstrued by some readers as bordering on "whining". Not so; not in the least. As he says, he just wants to know the wishes of the entire public and whatever they are he is ready and willing to comply. The old editor—he was but 46—states, "we are an unmixable lot" but should "get together" for the sake of the "town & county." But evidently that was never to be, and Gladstone suffered much accordingly. There were "spurts" made in this direction, during the "Glory Years" of 1901-1910, and again in the period 1950-'60, but that is about all.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

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SAT., MAY 3rd, 1884:

With this number commences the second year of the "Age." The experiment of running a paper has been tried a few times before here; but no attempt ever reached the ripe age of one year till now, and, to be candid, this is the only excellence we can lay claim to over most of our untimely predecessors - that we have managed for 52 consecutive Saturdays to publish our little sheet. It is not a rash way of reasoning to say that our town and county have not lost any prestige on that account. We propose to give it a second year's trial, subject to the wishes of our patrons, and enter upon it with a year's experience and faculties somewhat better rubbed up. We are still our own masters and mean to be, the only interest we intend to serve being the common good. ((As the calendar normally moves up 1 day each year, and another day for leap year, it would appear at first glance anyway, that the first issue of the "Age" was published on Sat. May 1st, 1883)).

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Brown, wife of the hon., the Minister of Public Works, which reached here Thursday afternoon, sent a thrill of sympathetic sorrow thro' every breast for the bereaved husband, the young children, the parents, and the relatives of the deceased. The news of her condition up to within a half-hour of her death was so hopeful that the fatal stroke fell all the heavier on account of its unexpectedness. The grisly king has indeed claimed her at considerable less than half her days. — It is not out 12 years since as one of the members of her father's household, she reached the banks of the White Mud River, and was one of the chief ornaments of the primitive society of those pioneer days, perhaps the happiest that have ever passed over this region. — Her health was never robust, and for the past few years of her life she bore unflinchingly a considerable amount more pain than happily falls to the lot of most mortals. She was a dutiful dau., a faithful wife, and a devoted mother. — Flags hung at half-mast all over town on the receipt of the sad intelligence, to testify in some inadequate way to the esteem in which the deceased was held, and the sorrow of the community for our Member's loss. A special train took down Mr. and Mrs. Davidson at

eleven o'clock the same evening, and letters of condolence from both town and country will be despatched at an early date as possible. ((It is only in the last 25 years that the original Davidson log house was tore down. It was then in quite good condition, and it is regrettable that it was not saved. It was located on the river bank just about 100 ft. east of the new house built by the Thompson sisters of teaching & nursing fame, Flora May, Lillian & Gladys, the latter for the past two years residing in the Centennial Apts. The property has been in the Thompson name for well over 60 yrs. Wm. McKelvy resided here for some time before and after the turn of the century. As the article states, the Davidson sisters came to the settlement in 1872, probably following by one year the father, Isaac, and his boys. Old-timers refer to it as the settlement's first "stopping" place, its proximity to the "crossing" being handy for freighters, settlers, etc., going to and from points further west)).

((Editorial)) . . .

The "dissatisfaction with the Age" trumpeted abroad so industriously by some parties, has about as much truth in it as most of the accompanying telegraphic items, and is, since confined to themselves, about the greatest commendation that could be bestowed on the course of this paper on the subject that provoked it.

We don't believe it is wise to add the last straw to break the spirit of the farming community, more particularly when we can get along for a time at least without such expenditure as putting up county buildings would entail.

Our farmers, in common with their brethren throughout the province, are not in the most hopeful mood, and to add more taxation to the plenty labor they have to undergo for the little return they're obtaining for it, is not the best means of infusing more spirit into their efforts.

The Council, in submitting the late by-law, was understood to pledge its word to the ratepayers that there would be no more expenditures gone into for a time, otherwise the by-law would have had but a slim chance of passing.

Whenever it is unmistakably borne in on us, that our efforts are detrimental to the prosperity of the place, we hope to have man enough left to step down

and out, even though at pecuniary loss.

The little we are worth, we earned, for we have never yet held out the hand or bent the will for anybody's pittance; and if the worst comes to the worst, we trust to be able to provide our daily bread again, even if we have to make a fresh start. Till then, however, we will live in hopes that our newspaper efforts are not in such dis-esteem as they would fain have us believe.

In retaliation, the worst wish we wish them is, that they could even yet get into active sympathy with the command, "Learn to labour and to wait," the necessity and stimulus to "prate" that is so indispensable at present, could then be totally dispensed with.

Another letter from Jas. Pirie to his brother George, in which he gives a graphic description of the sights to be seen 15,000 feet up the sides of the Rockies. He and Arnold Williams returned east to the neighborhood of Calgary to work on buildings, while Messrs. McFadden, Turnbull & Melville went east to work on the tracks.

Prairie fires are making a fresh start.

Dr. Keele got back to town this week.

Rev. Mr. Allen has been continuing his revival services this week.

Mrs. Galloway's mother is very seriously ill and is not likely to recover.

The Oddfellows anniversary sermon presched by Rev. Daniel Stalker last Sunday was a very excellent one.

The lands advertised to be sold for arrears of taxes will be found on the fourth page.

\$10.00 is the fine imposed on anyone allowing a bull to run at large on the prairie.

Mr. Goodwin, of the M. & N. W. engineering staff, has been this week engaged, along with two chain-men, in taking measurements of the station grounds & bridges, etc., etc.

Booming and bar-rooming are twin inseparables, and though thoroughly dispensed with in most other quarters, still appear to hang on to the lazy coat-tails of some of our folks here. Less wind-power and more muscle in use, would be a benefit all around.

The usual dirty weather that we can generally look forward to in seeding time, has come & gone. Quite a breadth of grain is already sown in the county, and before another week elapses, most, if not all, of our wheat should be in the ground.

Among the departures by Tues-

day's train were Mrs. M. Bradley, sister of Mr. S. McKelvy, who was returning home to Winnipeg; and Mrs. R. Ferguson, who was proceeding to Morris to join her husband who is at present engaged in teaching there. Our old friend, Mr. Neville, was also on board, his destination being Wpg., where he intends to follow his occupation of a saddler. What the town will do without his accustomed morning, evening, and whenever it suited our genial Mike's convenience, cheery bugle blasts, we can't surmise. Anyway he had better send us by telephone or any handier way, a few occasional calls till our ears be properly weaned from them.

The meeting to elect three new trustees for Gladstone School District, to take the place of those who had resigned, & which was called by the Supt. of Education for the province, was held in the schoolhouse Tues. last at 10 o'clock a.m. The attendance was large. Mr. W. McKelvy was called to the chair and Mr. Best was appointed sec. The following were elected to serve three, two and one year respectively in the order named: Messrs. W. McKelvy, P. H. Moodie & D. Rintoul. There was some talk indulged in afterwards about the extreme necessity existing for being as economic as possible in school expenditures, in the meantime due regard being had to efficiency, which the new board will, no doubt, keep in remembrance.

We have been asked to request as a special favor from certain parties that they would not countenance or give room to the son of one of our southern settlers. The young fellow himself ought to know that his proper place of abode is under his father's roof, and he should endeavour not to make the lots of those who inhabit it uncomfortable through his absenting himself from it without any good reason. There's no place like home, and we are in hopes that he will not hurt those any longer whom he has no intention of wounding by staying away; at least we think him good enough hearted not to; and this hint may save any further reference to the matter, we trust.

The new time-table of the M. & N.W. came into effect Monday. For further information see the advertisement.

The new School Trustees were sworn into office by the town clerk last Tues., and will hold their first meeting for the transaction of business in the Age office next Thurs. evening. They visited the school Wed. and made arrangements for taking better care of the valuable maps belonging to the school, and providing a platform with scrapers to help leave much of the mud, that at present finds its way into the

school, outside. The schoolhouse is to be thoroughly scrubbed as needed, and the children are to be asked to take their turn at sweeping it out once a day; and to ensure this being more efficiently done, the seats are to be moved out a little from the walls which will tend to make the schoolhouse a little more habitable. Mr. W. McKelvy was instructed to see to these much-needed improvements as soon as possible.

The great consternation and destruction among the ducks is now ended for 3 months and a half, which sportists had better take an accurate note of.

Mrs. Nichol McLean, who has been laid up with rheumatic fever, is now recovering. Mr. Gillis, who has likewise been sick, is also on the mend. The sunny south may be more pleasant to live in but it has its drawbacks. ((Golden Stream district is a bit south of Gladstone, of course)).

By all accounts the only activity on railway lines (outside of the C.P.R. tracks) will be confined this season to the M. & N. W. extension, which ought to bespeak for this tract of country a large influx of immigrants.

Good beef, pork, etc. can now be had next door to the printing office, Mr. Lumbers having moved last Thurs. Concentrated mental (?) and material food are now available next door to one another. ((From this item it becomes apparent that Mr. Lumbers is in a building that is "between" the "Age" office and the Peter Ferguson store. When was it built? And it must have been a bit roomier than most to have an ice-house, as reported in the April issue)).

Mr. J. A. Best got back to Gladstone from an extended trip along the C.P.R. as far as Indian Head. He was favorably impressed with the country along the line. He leaves for Wpg. Sat. en route a few days thereafter to visit the lakes for Ontario to revisit the old home, and perhaps for other contingencies. He expects to be back in the fall to do more grain-buying.

Messrs. Bruce, Creary and McLaren did some big duck-shooting on Wed. last on Mr. A. Wilson's farm fully two miles from town. Well on to 25 brace was not a bad day's work for the wind-up day of the open season. One advantage which one of the party, at least, could appreciate, was that though it was raining all the time the water met with was scarcely so deep as on a recent memorable occasion.

Councillor J. F. Poole is in receipt of a communication from Wellington, regarding appointment of pathmasters, and he begs to inform his correspondents that he will be happy to accede to their wishes if the settlement would send him a little more definite information of their choice in the matter. His post office box is No. 23, Gladstone, to which let such information be addressed, marked private, and it will have his careful attention.

TAKE NOTICE! We, the undersigned merchants of the town of Gladstone, do hereby agree that on and after Mon., May 5, 1884, we will close our respective places of business each evening, Sat. excepted, at 7:00 p.m., which our customers will please take notice of.—P. Ferguson, D. J. McQueen, John J. Herron, Dean & Paynter, James Doherty, R. Galloway & Bro. ((It is to be wondered what the hours were heretofore. And it would be interesting to know what wages clerks received. At most maybe \$1.00 a day, or perhaps even \$5 for the six days. Did the new reduction in hours on duty mean a like reduction in pay? Perhaps Editor Moodie will have occasion some time to comment on such matters)).

TO ARCHITECTS: Plans & specifications will be received by the undersigned until six o'clock p.m. on MON., 5th OF MAY NEXT for the erection of County Buildings in the Town of Gladstone, in and for the COUNTY OF WESTBOURNE. Cost of said bldgs. not to exceed \$10,000. The Council will pay \$25.00 for the plan which they consider the most suitable. — John J. Herron, Clerk, County of Westbourne.

NOTICE: County of Westbourne: The following Lots or Parcels of land, situate in the County of Westbourne, will be offered for sale on Mon., the 2nd day of June next at Andrews Hall, Gladstone, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, unless in the meantime the arrears of taxes are paid together with the costs and commission as set forth below. — Thos. L. Morton, Treas.

S.E. ¼ 30, N. ½ of N.E. ¼ of 19-14-9 — \$54.47.
S.E. ¼ 33-17-11 — \$32.28.
S. ½ of W. ¼ of W. ¼ of 31-14-11 — \$149.35.
Lot 20, Parish of West. — \$71.75
Lot 21, Parish of West. — \$71.75
Lot 30, Parish of West. — \$60.11
Lot 31, Parish of West. — \$60.11

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SAT., MAY 10th, 1884:

Rev. Mr. Murdin and family arrived at Gladstone by Wednesday's train.

Mr. W. S. Bailey has received from the east a carload of No. 1 wheat for sowing on the farm of Hon. C. P. Brown which he has rented this year.

Miss Julia Dunning has entered upon the work of teaching at Florence. If she makes as faithful a teacher as she was earnest as a scholar, the Florence school district are to be congratulated on their choice.

Mr. Baker is erecting a platform at Woodside for the accommodation of the travelling public, and intends shortly to build a station house.

Mr. Joseph McAlpine intends to go into gardening this summer. He is preparing the large piece of ground on the Brown estate contiguous to the burnt residence, and will likely take the lead in garden stuff this year as last.

The following are the results of the written examinations of the Gladstone school for the quarter ending April: Senior Class, total possible number of marks, 600: Nettie Findlay, 537; Rhoda Ferguson, 377; J. Broadfoot, 268; John Small, 413; G. Clubb, 280. Third Class, total possible number of marks, 500: J. McBride, 362; T. Neville, 368; Jas. Small, 304; T. Broadfoot, 283; J. H. Herron, 280; Emma Ferguson, 292; Ann Sebastian, 120.

We omitted last week to notice the meeting that was held in the Queen's Hotel last week to organize a baseball club here. There was a large attendance. Mr. John McLaren discharged the duties of the chair for the occasion. The meeting was enthusiastically in favor of starting the baseball club, and the following officers were appointed: Jas. McCrae, capt.; Frank Schooley, President; Dan McLean, Vice-Pres.; G. Pirie, Sec.-Treas.; Dan McLean, Thos. Gray, H. D. Ferguson, J. M. Paul and J. S. Ferguson were appointed the field committee. A complete outfit has now arrived and the boys are hard at work getting themselves into form, with the expectation that in a few weeks they will be in a position to challenge any club to a friendly contest. Go in and win every time!

((Editorial)) . . .

The farce enacted long years ago, for sinister ends (or we are very much mistaken) of erecting the winding trail the Red River carts used to take thro' the county, into part of a great hwy., may cost us dear before it is played out. In common with most of the work our official folks are responsible for, it was begun, carried on as far as suited selfish purposes, and there left; and the County finds itself in the miserable position of, after gifting 80 feet of this hwy. to the rly. Co., unable to give them a title to it. Mr. McCrae's long-standing case is also still unsettled.

Of a piece is the Drainage Co.'s position. Mr. Riley, in his frank statement before the Court of Revision, showed that while they were ready and anxious to prosecute the work which had already cost them \$20,000, they felt justified in not spending another 5c until they received a title to their lands, and the cost of such title he intimated to be some truckling arrangements made by the local govt. with the Dominion as far back as 1870.

We are assured, though we have no pretensions to the exalted capacity of those who have been at the helm in those, as in most of our County's affairs, that if they are ever all straitened out to the level of the ordinary comprehension, that there is a rich disclosure of "plundering & blundering" in store for us by which the County has been made so much the poorer. We may be starved out before we see it, but it has got to come, or this County sinks out of sight.

((The above editorials are brief but very potent. No names are given but the few referred to would feel the hit. It's not much wonder some few wished to see the "Age" and its all-too-blunt editor silenced)).

Seeding goes on apace.

For want of a quorum there was no meeting of the Town Council last Wed. night.

Mr. Waters reached Gladstone by velocipede from Minnedosa on Tues. in time for supper.

What the town purposes doing with the dilapidated bridge to the west on the main line of travel in that direction, is the question?

The M. & N.W. rly. has been successful, it is said, in floating parts of their bonds in England,

besides selling a large quantity of their land.

Coun. Poole lost a valuable ox on Thurs. The team was ploughing and its mate, who is boss, drove him back on the plough, cutting very nearly the foot clean off.

Our fifth wheel institution, to wit, our County Court, meets on Wed., 14th inst., at 7 o'clock, in Andrews hall to attend its own obsequies. Tears of joy may then be in order, other kinds not. ((Above should be "County Council" not "Court". See Moodie editorial against it in Jan. 26th issue)).

Mr. F. Montrose, one of R. Galloway & Bro.'s very obliging and smart salesmen, left that firm's employ this week. He proceeds shortly to St. Louis to fill a position there, and the good wishes of the entire community go with him.

Arrangements, which are not yet in such a forward state to publish, are being made to have a good time on the Queen's birthday celebrations in Gladstone. A full programme of the proceedings will appear in next week's issue.

A new kind of parlor car was deftly extemporised out of a hand-car to convey Mr. Baker, General Superintendent, and Mr. Hamilton, solicitor for the Co., and his lady, last Wed. to Portage.

The Queen's Birthday! The Church of England is first to the front this year, as last, with attractions for the Queen's birthday celebrations, in the shape of a grand bazaar, which will be held all day in Andrews hall. A lunch table will be in connection. Those who want value for their money will fill their pockets well before starting from home . . . such an easy matter now-a-days! Anyway, come prepared to spend all the money you can for a worthy object.

Dead pigs and confectionery of all sorts are trying hard to undermine the solid, though now useless rly. bridge that spans the White Mud river below town. Could some kind Samaritan, in the interests of his own pocket, give the jam a shove? There is valuable stuff in it, which would well repay the attempt we are informed. ((It was like finding pure gold to come across this item. If only Editor Moodie had been a little more explicit as to the location. Referred to here is the railway bridge across the river a little over a half-mile east of Morris Ave. It may have never been used except in moving the rails on about another half-mile or so, before the town fathers had the route changed to go thro' the centre of the town. This likely in 1882, as the rails supposedly were laid some 15 miles further west that year. As a lad, in the early 1920's, we remember

workmen coming in with odd spikes dug up by the plough, so the rails had been there)).

Mr. Postmaster ((Logie)) has turned farmer, being busily engaged (by proxy) of putting in the field belonging to Mr. Brown, on the south side of the river. ((This is most likely the area now bounded by the Crescent & Bay St.)).

The evangelistic services, which for some weeks have been in progress in the Methodist church, are engaging considerable interest, and also awakening much spiritual activity in the town. No doubt a boon in the more abiding — of eternity would show the highest marks of wisdom in those who have seen too much of earthly disappointments. We understand the services are likely to be continued. (The first church building in the settlement was erected by the Methodist congregation in 1877. It was located between the old trail and the river, almost exactly on the half-mile fence - or for those whose memories go 50 years back, the site of the old C.P.R. dam. Of present day interest it should be again recorded that the now vacant McLeod house on Regent St. (at the tracks) is either the old church itself, or the parsonage. Checking this out with Wilf McGregor, we find it's the latter)).

We learn that Rev. D. Stalker, our present minister here, returned this week a unanimous call tendered him by the Presbyterians of Carberry, under a very strong sense of duty he owes his present field. Staying, he is sacrificing emolument for the stipend offered is \$1,000. This speaks well for the spirit by which he is actuated, and ought to serve as a great stimulus to all the members of his congregation to become co-workers with him here in the good cause.

Messrs. Philipps and George passed thro' Gladstone en route for the cattle ranch they are starting about 45 miles north-west from here, half-way to Lake Dauphin. They are putting things in shape, and will return in three weeks to buy up all the stock they can in our settlement. They mean to go into colt-raising likewise and took up with them a good stallion, and a few native ponies to start with.

Mr. Marlatt, of Portage, is filling a pretty large order for lumber, given him by Mr. S. T. Wilson, of the Wilson House, who purposes making extensive alterations to his hotel arrangements this season. Meanwhile the cooking and dining depts. are to be brought downstairs, and a handsome new stairway leading to them from the upper apartments is to be completed right away. Among the guests this week were Mr. Baker, General Superintendent of the M. & N.W. Mr. Hamilton, the Co.'s solicitor, and lady.

GLAD. POST OFFICE

Mails for Despatch are closed as follows:

For Portage at 10 a.m., Tues., Thurs. & Sat.
For Richmond & Blake, at 8 a.m. Sat.
For McGregor, Golden Stream & Wellington, Mon. at 3.30 p.m.

Mails for Arrival are due as follows:

From Portage at 3 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
From Richmond & Blake at 8 a.m. Sat.
From McGregor at 2 p.m. Mon. and Thurs.
From Golden Stream & Wellington, 1 p.m. Mon.

OFFICE HOURS

From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sundays excepted).

Money Order Department: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

J. L. LOGIE, Postmaster.
Great North-Western Telegraph Co.'s Office in Post Office: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

J. L. LOGIE, Agent.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Presbyterian Church: Rev. D. Stalker, pastor: Service every Sabbath at 3 p.m.; Sabbath School, 1 p.m.

Methodist Church: Rev. J. Allen, pastor: Service every Sabbath at 6:30 p.m.

Church of England: Rev. F. Jephcott, pastor: Morning Service at 11 a.m.; Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday School at Parsonage at 9:30 p.m.

((Editorial)) . . .

ORGANIZE

Following in the wake of other places, the time appears to be ripe for some well-organized effort on the part of the people here for fully and fairly setting forth the advantages this County can offer to in-coming settlers.

Ours is one of the oldest settlements. The facilities for mixed farming we possess - the only kind that pays - are not excelled anywhere. We have as heavy, some say, heavier soil (which will tell in the long run) than the crack Portage plains afford, though perhaps not in such abundance, while our hay & pasture lands cannot be excelled; an unlimited supply of good wood is still handy, and good water can be struck anywhere for the digging.

In addition, the privilege of second-homesteading has thrown into the market a great number of excellent farms more or less improved, which could be bought a long way below their real values.

Drawbacks we have had in the shape of grasshoppers and floods, but the worst we are cursed with now is the listlessness and indifference to hard work, born of boom times, which still pervades us. We are prepared to do any amount of squirming in prefer-

ance to taking the only safe and honest way of making the County what she is well fitted to be by working it up.

We need some of the old energy back that founded and caused our settlement to flourish in the early days, and though in some things we are an unmixable lot, surely the common interest we have in pushing the County ahead should be force enough to weld us into one mass in the endeavour to compass this end. Let us try it.

SCHOOL BOARD

The new trustees held their first meeting last Thurs. evening in the Age office. P. H. Moodie was appointed chairman.

Communications (all monetary) were received from F. Dunning, J. K. McGillivray and E. E. Best which were laid over. Re the note held by the Federal Bank, the Sec.-Treas. was instructed to communicate with the manager asking for extension of time. He was also instructed to make a demand on the Town Council for the balance of last year's money, necessary to liquidate the maturing liabilities of the school. ((It is of some interest to record that J. K. McGillivray, who clerked in the Galloway store for several yrs. was the father of Jack McGillivray school Principal here in the late '30s — or 45 yrs. ago)).

IN MEMORIAM

(to bereaved mothers)

Lines written on the deaths of Baby Lloyd & Baby Logie

Sad heart bereft and sorrowing,
Has thy dear birdling flown?
Has it gone up to paradise,
And left thee here to mourn?

Has death entered thy happy home,
Like some dark, stealthy foe,
And torn from thee thy angel child,
And plunged thy soul in woe?

I know the bitter anguish felt
When with loved ones we part;
I know the painful wound which death
Inflicts upon the heart.

The things of earth cannot sustain
Us in affliction's hour;
To comfort or to sooth our grief,
They fail, they have no power.

But there is one who in great love,
Hath said, "Come unto me,
And I will give thee rest & peace,
And I will comfort thee."

'Tis Jesus who extends his arms
To thee, grief-stricken soul;
Jesus will heal thy broken heart,
Yes, He will make it whole.

Mourner, bereft and sorrowing,
Lift up thy tearful eyes;
And see thy angel child above,
With Christ beyond the skies.

Golden Stream,
May 1, 1884.



A View of Gladstone Looking South from the First Galloway Store (1882?)

THIS IS ANOTHER of the Galloway pictures, and is enlarged somewhat to cover two pages. The view is from the first Galloway store on the corner of James St. & Sask. Ave; and probably it's springtime, 1882 (no railway yet). The area south from Sask. Ave. (the old trail) is quite sparsely settled as yet, and the few buildings shown probably were erected since the summer of 1878, the date given for the first Presbyterian church - the land for same being donated by Jas. Broadfoot, pioneer of 1872. The school was built in 1879 but not occupied until 1880. The late John F. Broadfoot (son of the above) in an interesting write-up on his youthful school experiences, states that the move from the first little school (about ½-mile s.e. of the town square) ran into difficulty when the new building wasn't ready; and for the winter of 1879-80 the pupils were lodged in the vacant cheese factory building on the river bank (now Mrs. Vi Anderson's house property). The date for the Revere House has been given as 1881; and as Mr. Logie came in 1878 as a school teacher and was not married until the spring of 1880, it is not likely he built his store much before he was appointed postmaster, which could have been the year that the post office dept. changed the postmark of "Palestine" to "Gladstone" — 1879. The building south of the "Revere" is listed as the Dunning dwelling in "I Lived in Paradise."

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SATURDAY
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SAT., MAY 17th, 1884:

The C.P.R. are following A. McKenzie's choice of Fort William as the terminus of their line on Lake Superior.

There has been a large increase in the acreage sown throughout the county this season which has been a most favorable one for farming operations.

Shut up the grunTERS!

Remove the dung-hills beyond smelling distance.

Miss June Johnston has gone to Wellwood.

Mr. Galloway went east Tues.

Dr. Keele has gone to Portage to practice his profession.

Mr. Smythe, photographer, is off for Silver City.

Mayor McDonald, of Portage, came up Wed. on mill business.

James Doherty's store is wonderfully set off now-a-days. If you don't believe it take a walk around and see for yourselves.

A prairie fire destroyed some railway cordwood and two houses belonging to Mr. Brown, eight miles west, Thursday.

Mr. de la Main, of the M. & N.W. engineering staff, finished Wed. locating the right-of-way through the county.

Mr. D. Ferguson got back from an extended trip thro' Birtle, shoal Lake & Rossburn, etc. He reports grass and crops well advanced there.

Mrs. Cameron had a letter from Miss Whiteford. She is gradually getting weaker and is resigned to her fate. Hard lines when youth and worth go prematurely into the grave.

The Sons of Temperance started a short time ago here is prospering. A number of new names are being added at almost every meeting. They have engaged the Oddfellows' hall for their meetings which take place every second Tues. at present. Tues. first is the next meeting.

Mr. John McDougall, of town, received the melancholy information by telegram last Saturday of the death of his father, who fell off the train a little way this side of Lavelle, Wisconsin, and was run over. He was coming to this country with his wife and family.

Rev. Mr. and Miss Stalker were passengers by the eastern train Tues. The rev. gentleman was proceeding to Wpg to attend the meeting of the presbytery. Miss Stalker was on her way to Carberry to spend a week with Miss McColl before she makes her visit home to Ontario.

Messrs. J. & M. Lang, D. McDougall and R. Gordon, young men who have been round Gladstone for the last year or so, started for York Colony on Wed. last. They have a yoke of cattle and other fixings necessary to make a start on the lands they choose when they get there.

The Church of England will wind up the other attractions of the Queen's birthday w. a grand concert in Andrew's Hall in the evening. Be sure and patronize it. Most of the musical talent of the town will be engaged.

Rev. J. E. Allen will preach a sermon on the sad death of Mr. John McDougall, of Brandon, on Sabbath evening.

Mr. Mason, registrar, who went to Wpg. last week to pay a visit to Mrs. Mason, who is at present adjourning in the capital for her health's sake, arrived home by Wednesday's train.

Mr. Bailey has had well on to a dozen teams busy ploughing all week in the large field on the north side of the river. He will be pretty well through by the end of next week if the very favorable seeding weather we are having keeps good as long as that. *(This is the farm that Mr. Thos. Macdill bought in the late 1880's; Donald Adamson had it from about 1910, to 1919 when the late J. K. McLennan purchased it. Mr. Reuben Smith assumed ownership just 40 years ago, and it is now operated by son Jim)).*

We hear that Mr. Budge has been investing in one of Mr. Walter Lynch's thoroughbred bulls. This is a step in the right direction. If more of our farmers would do the like, stock-raising in this part would soon be profitable. *((Mr. Lynch headed the large party of that name, who chose to settle along the White Mud river in 1871, some at Westbourne, some at Woodside, and others at Gladstone. Tologan was the choice of the Lynchs, Stewarts, etc.))*

Messrs. Broadfoot are putting in well on to 200 acres of crop this season. They were well thro' on the home farm a fortnight a-

go, and have been away since to the big plains putting their other farms under crop.

Coun. McKelvy is putting in a bridge across the slough on the road leading south from town, a little this side of where it forks. It was much needed, and what is something unique, it is being put on by voluntary effort.

Mr. Wm. Davidson will leave shortly for Southern Manitoba to superintend some drainage work which we have been informed he has the contract for.

Last week in central Palestine, across two miles of country, in nearly a straight line, could be seen twenty teams hard at work, plowing, sowing, harrowing.

The Broadfoot grist mill will soon be ready for work again; the lessees are giving it a thorough overhauling so that there may be little or no stoppage when the busy time comes round.

Mr. Jones, lessee of Mr. Brown's grist mill, is making improvements which will enable him to manufacture a higher grade of flour; and his customers will thank him for it.

Miss Davidson returned from Neepawa Tues., whither she had gone after the sad parting at Winnipeg.

The base-ballists are putting in tremendous faithful practice. Ask their aching joints and sore hands if it is not so.

Quite a number of immigrants by yesterday's train passed thro' Gladstone for the west.

Mr. Wilson has been tearing down, preparatory to building, on his own property this week.

McPhillips' surveying party got in Tues. from Dauphin. Mr. F. Blackmore accompanied them.

With such bright examples of industry before us as our chief magistrates that 'am' and that 'was' are now presenting, we ought all to go ahead like a streak. *((Editor Moodie is probably giving a "dig" to the present Mayor Claxton and his predecessor, Peter St. Clair McGregor, and others, on their efforts to bring prosperity to the town by borrowing \$10,000 to erect new municipal buildings)).*

There will be a school meeting held in Livingstone Township, in the house of Mr. T. L. Morton on Tues., the 27th inst. at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing three new trustees and performing other necessary business.

The new Central Judicial Bd., which consists of the following members: Mayor McDonald, of Portage, chairman; Mr. Ferris; Dr. Gilbert; Mayor Claxton, and J. J. Hamilton, meets in Portage on Tues. next. Mr. P. McGregor has been appointed the assessment commissioner, and T. L. Morton one of the auditors.

A runaway near the Revere House made things lively Wed. morning. Messrs. McCrae & May were taking an airing in a buckboard, but the horse for some reason or another, getting on his ear, upset the rig, pitching them into the ditch. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

What's become of our brass band? Wouldn't the Queen's birthday performance go off with greater zest if we had a few blows from them? Prepare your brazen throats to speak out loudly & large in commemoration of our sovereign lady, the Queen, and for the delectation of ourselves, her humble subjects, & let there be no hunker sliding.

We are glad to see that the Queen's Birthday in Gladstone is not going to behind its fellows of other years in attractiveness & merry-making. A committee of citizens has been hard at work soliciting subscriptions and arranging a programme specially for the occasion.

We were not made aware last week until too late to chronicle it, of the departure to Ontario of Mr. Schooley, the frank and obliging station agent here. The interesting business he is on brooks no delay, and we shall be prepared to give him a "feu de joie" when he gets back with his matrimonial collar on.

Rumor has it that one of our late talented townsmen, who is now busy climbing the steep of Parnassus, has taken time likewise to cultivate the graces so assiduously, that he will shortly lead one of them in the person of one of Ontario's fair daughters, to the hymeneal altar; and there is no doubting Thomas about it either. Nothing like keeping all the irons going.

We have a great many fishermen hereabouts these days. Tues. last Mr. Wilson, of the Revere House *(shouldn't this be 'Wilson' House?)*, Mr. McDonald, traveller for Pratt's biscuit factory, Portage, & Mr. McDougall, managed to have a great deal of sport spearing fish at Woodside bridge. One fisher of men in our town, we are told, however, takes the cake likewise as the best fisher of fish; the dexterity with which he can drive his spear into a fish's head and not wound the body, and often at very long distant range, being something uncommon.

LAKE DAUPHIN COUNTRY
Mr. G. McCrae arrived last Sat. from Dauphin accompanied by Mr. R. C. McPhillips, one of the surveyors who has been engaged for the last month or two in subdividing some townships in that locality. Their first day's journey was for the most part through prairie, then for the next four days they had to chop their way thro' solid bush that lines the slopes of the Riding Mounains, which is mostly poplar. This brought them to Lake

Odie, some 20 miles on their journey. Some Indians reside there, and there is a good trail from it to the big bend of the Little Saskatchewan, used for the purpose of conveying timber to the saw mill which the Hudson's Bay Co. owns, three miles up stream from the big bend. From Lake Odie to within 3 or 4 miles there are not many settlers, but on nearing the Saskatchewan the houses are thicker. The character of the land is bluffy with stretches of prairie between, mostly all high and dry, and will soon be fully settled. The distance from Dauphin to the Saskatchewan is about 40 miles. The Hudson Bay Co. has a good store and a good lumbering business. Thence the trail to Minnedosa, about 35 miles, is good all the way. The remainder of the journey was performed behind the iron horse.

THE DAUPHIN SETTLERS
the vanguard of a great host, it is to be hoped that will settle up that fine country, were busy plowing, sowing and planning, & all are highly pleased with their locations. The soil is first class and there is any amount of oak, ash, elm & poplar fringing the stream on which they have settling. Unfortunately the two townships which Messrs. McPhillips have sub-divided border on the lake, and like such lands generally are more adopted for stock-raising, the fine stretch of farm land lying to the south and west of what has been surveyed, the present settlers having at their own expense, had to employ the surveyors to run a line that they might know where to build so as to be on their own places. The region is well watered. So far as is known five rivers traverse it. Entering the lake at the south-east end is the Turtle River, at the south-west Hagel's, the waterway on which the present settlers have located; a few miles further north, and between it & the next is a splendid valley of about two miles in width. Six miles further north is valley river, navigable according to the surveyors. All have high banks, in some spots 20 feet. The real farming land has not been surveyed at all, for most of the two surveyed were found to consist of solid timber, intermixed with low-lying lands. It is to be hoped the Dom. govt. will at an early day survey more extensively because it will be too bad to stop when the least suitable portion only has been surveyed, strong representation to that effect having been made. Settlers are entitled to know what they are getting. Quite a number of houses have been erected, which will help to give the place a homier look to future settlers.

GLAD. TOWN COUNCIL
met in Council Chambers Thurs. evening; present, Coun. Davidson, W. McKelvy, Andrews, Logie and Ferguson; Coun Ferguson in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

A pile of communications were read and accounts put in. The following accounts were passed D. Cameron, \$13.50; Free Press, \$15.00; Andrews, \$38; Mail \$3.50 Richardson, \$8.25.

Re Ferguson bridge: Ch. of public works com. was instructed to fix it by inserting three short posts in a mud sill, on which the sill of the shifted bent can be morticed. Mr. S. McKelvy was allowed to put a crossing at his own place to be charged against his taxes.

The railway Co. is providing a flume and crossing on Main St. over against Lorne St. for a new road into the station; and public works was instructed to see to filling of same, and to a few other necessary repairs.

Re Pool table licenses: a recommendation of the license and pol. com. to grant a rebate of \$10 on the first table and \$5 on the second, was adopted; Clerk to collect fees at once as they are now due.

Clerk was instructed to write Judge Ryan asking for information re liquor licenses; and steps are to be taken to enforce shutting up pigs and removing manure heaps.

Coun. Logie will introduce a statute labor by-law at the next regular meeting.

A motion was passed to the effect that the local govt. allow the lands in arrears for taxes to be advertised and sold in the municipalities within which they are situated.

Council then adjourned, to meet again half an hour ahead of the time for holding a Court of Revision next Wednesday.

WESTBOURNE COUNTY COUNCIL

This now defunct body held its last meeting on Wed. afternoon in Andrews Hall. Present Messrs. Morrison, Smalley, Galloway & Ferguson; Warden Morrison presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and sustained.

Communications re county buildings: The Clerk was instructed to answer that they had no more jurisdiction.

The following accounts recommended by the finance com., were on motion of Messrs. Ferguson & Smalley, passed; and Mr. Claxton the representative at the Judicial Board instructed to take charge of and present them for payment: Councillors fees, \$67.50; salaries, \$150; rents, \$101.95; printing, \$78.15; health, \$25.

The treasurer was instructed to hand over to the municipalities of Westbourne & Gladstone their respective tax rolls, the expiring council not knowing who takes further charge of them. The council having empowered the Warden to sign the minutes of the present meeting, then dissolved; & another record of incapacity passed away.



IT MAY BE OF INTEREST to record at least one reason for the partial settlement on South Dennis and Morris up to this time. The late A. G. Williams tells the tale. As stated, Jas. Broadfoot owned the land comprising the south-west corner of the town; C. P. Brown, a surveyor, came in 1873 & acquired the two half-sections north of Dennis, one on each side of Morris. When he surveyed the town into streets and lots (documents show he made a survey in 1878), he had as his part-time helper, the youthful "A.G." who remembered him saying in words to this effect, "I'll fix Broadfoot so his land won't be too attractive to businessmen; I'll have my side end up in gores" (triangular pieces of land). And so by having the streets south of the river run parallel to Sask. Ave., he achieved his purpose. With the exception of Andrews Bakery & Hall (1883?)—now the Paris Cafe—no other building occupied the property west to James St. until the Wm. Eccles Blacksmith shop was built on James St., at the tracks, in the early '90s, followed by the Royal Rink in 1893; and Knox Bros. in 1897.

THE PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS in the picture are easily identified: (left to right): the Revere House, the Dunning dwelling, the J. L. Logie post office and stationery store; the Presbyterian Church; and the little school. This latter served for about 10 yrs. then moved to serve as a house for 60, on Lorne at the tracks.

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SAT., MAY 24th, 1884:

((Editorial)) . . .

A FEW PLAIN WORDS

We are going now into our second year - what perhaps, some farmers in the county are not aware of. When we started it was doubtful to ourselves whether we could run as long as we have. Up to date we have gone mostly on our means. We think we can keep going if fairly patronized. The times are hard, but let the farmers consider if it is harder on them to pay \$1½ a year and their sympathy thrown in—worth as much as the money; or on us knowing assuredly that after venturing a large proportion of what we are worth in it at the same rate of going we'll soon lose all and more to boot? We have lost quite a bit of advertising patronage through lack of a vivid enough imagination to suit, though the dull times are to blame for some of it. We've been here since ever these settlements were started, & know as much as most where the misses have come in, & what we need to give us a good start again; & the perhaps Quixotish desire to straighten out some of our hitherto tangled way, while earning our bread, was one reason that impelled us into the venture.

It is the farmers' interests we are after, the one engrossing interest of this as of every other county. We have been farmers, & if we are proud of anything, it is that every cent put into the business was made on the farm.

We want our farmers to ponder these two questions and be ready with an answer so far as we are concerned, soon.

Is it in the interest of the County to possess a paper, and is ours doing as well for it as can reasonably be expected? If the answer to both is yes - we want to hear from them in a lump; if to the latter 'No', it will assist us in stopping our show while we can pay 100 cents on the dollar, an old-fashioned procedure out of keeping somewhat, it is true, with the daily round.

The clause in the new municipalities act, making it optional on the part of municipalities to impose statute labor is a step in the right direction. The what-has-been argument is the only obstacle in the way of doing away with statute labor altogether. More good value has been lost to this county through the perfu-

tory way it has been performed than we could well afford. Of course everybody is not a unit in favor of having another method of improving our county substituted, but those who have diligently observed its inoperative results even here since the start, ought to be mostly assured that it has had its day. What ought to take its place is some vigorous scheme set a-going through the funds accruing, to prevent any further damage resulting to us from a recurrence of any wet seasons. Forewarned ought to be forearmed.

One alteration in the municipal bill in its passage through the house which the county papers will be thankful for, is allowing the lands in arrears of taxes to be advertised in the municipalities in which they are situated. Could they not be sold in them just as well and cheaply?

We do not see the need of an assessment commissioner either. Could not some definite instructions emanate from the executive for the guidance of all assessors, which would obviate the necessity of one man travelling over the ground already gone over by others for the similar purpose, and thereby save the waste of good money which can ill be spared?

The appointment to all these offices, likewise, ought to be in the hands of the municipalities. It would be one great incentive to exertion on the part of the capable to know that the passport to preferment is the judgment of his fellows. The natural law in economics as in physics would then operate more uniformly and beneficially - the sediment would settle, not sour.

Saying this we don't want to be thought as finding fault with the appointees to the Judicial Bd. of our own County. It would be hard to find a much more capable man for the work of assessment commissioner than our ex-mayor. At the same time we believe it true that, supposing the patronage was lodged here it would be as hard to find one who had a slimmer chance of obtaining it. Worth ought and must enter as a factor into the adjudication of these public prizes, unless we wish to see our County (whose interests we ought all to have deeply at heart) hopelessly distanced in the race.

We have no wish to gibe our member at this sore-point in his history, but the limited circle round which his patronage has

all along been dispensed is matter of notoriety and much comment to every onlooker. The compact, if there is one, must be broken up in the interests of the County, which is our apology for speaking so plainly.

Birth: At Howatt's Farm, on the 15th inst., the wife of B. A. C. Anderson, esq. (late of Demerara), of a son.

Mr. Boyd had a trip east on Thursday.

Mr. Davidson has gone to Winnipeg.

Queen's Birthday.

150 acres ploughed and seeded in six days is not a bad record for Mr. Bailey.

Messrs. Stewart, Hutchison & Bruce were surveying the track 6 miles west for ballasting purposes.

A party this week came across what appears to be coal indications, not far from Gladstone.

Silver Stream school has made a start under the direction of Mr. McCorriston. May it prosper.

Mr. Herron has set out some fine young trees in front of his hotel; an example worth following by many more.

Mr. Cartwright, of Richmond, has invested in one of Lynch's thoroughbred bulls. We can't have too many.

There was a blow out at the Queen's Hotel early in the week which was confined to the stove-pipes and chimney.

A Mr. Dillon, of the Vulcan Iron Works, Wpg., is overhauling the boiler of the Broadfoot grist mill.

Mayor Claxton has been away since Tues. attending the meeting of the Judicial District Board. Got back Friday.

The new books of the Presbyterian Sunday School library have come to hand. They are a valuable addition to it.

We had a chat last Mon. at the station with our old acquaintance Mr. Skedding, of Neepawa. He gave a good report of our little sister town.

Messrs. Boyd and Williams have their garden where there's little danger of hoofs trampling it down—in the bend cut off by the river. ((This is another of those little items that might contain a lot. We have been asked when our river first made the short cut to form "the island." Seemingly, in an effort to hurry the spring waters on their way, a trench was dug across the bend. When? We'd like to know. The item above may indicate it was during the disastrous flood years of the early 1880s)).

Mr. Bailey has managed to blacken a big piece of ground this last fortnight. May his courageous investment of capital return him a hundredfold.

Mr. A. McDonald, of Palestine, lost by death last Sunday their youngest child. This makes the fourth taken within a yr.; pretty hard on parents this.

While congratulating our new deputy registrar on his appointment he fails to be reminded of his inability, under the statute of holding the office of town councillor at the same time.

All townsmen and every other person interested in having a good road to the cemetery are requested to turn out, spade in hand, Tues. morning, 10th June, next.

McAlpine and Small joint gardeners! Leave your measures early for all kinds of vegetable confectionery. Saur Kraut served up red hot to suit the weather on the grounds.

Our old neighbor, Wm. McCrae arrived from Ontario Wed. The fare as far as Portage was a trifle over \$16.00. He came by the lakes. At Port Arthur laboring men are receiving as high as \$4. a day.

A pair of men's No. 8 slippers and 2 pair of cotton socks were surreptitiously inserted in a bag belonging to Mr. H. Pool in Mr. Ferguson's store a fortnight ago today. The owner can have them by proving he has the proper feet.

We had the pleasure of seeing some beautifully stuffed birds, done by the Rev. Mr. Jephcott. The rev. gentleman shot some specimens the other day, among them a big 'whiskey jack', who is well named, for he "bites like an adder and stings like a serpent". Lesson: don't touch either jack or whiskey.

Coun. McKelvy has made a good job of the bridge across the slough on the road leading south from town. Now that this needed improvement is so well done it will be in order for those benefited to contribute towards defraying its cost.

Mr. S. T. Wilson, accompanied by Mr. White, of Portage, took a run thro' the country this week, visiting Minnedosa, Brandon and Portage. They found dull times everywhere. "S.T." says there's more stir to the square inch here than in any of them.

Miss Stalker got back from Carberry last Wed. She goes away for a two month's home holiday next week with her brother, Rev. Mr. Stalker, who will be away about a month attending the Assembly, which meets at Toronto the first week of June.

Mr. John Rose, after having regained quite a little strength and hopefulness, had a relapse

last wk. The very brotherly way in which the Oddfellows Soc., of which he is a member, acts towards him is worthy of honorable mention. The members take turns in sitting up with him and have done so all thro' his illness whenever occasion required.

Florence township is making headway. A day school held in the house of Mr. T. Dunning until the school house is erected, is now in full blast, presided over by Miss Julia Dunning. A Sunday School has also been started under the experienced leadership of Mr. Abijah Dunning with an efficient staff of teachers. That's right - attend to the young - the grown-ups can look after themselves. — Coun. McKellar purposes making a move for the summer. — Our old friend and supporter, Mr. A. McKenzie, reports seeding operations there as well advanced with a very satisfactory outlook for this year's crop, the spring having been one of the most favorable possible.

Our postmaster is about to enclose his grounds with a wire fence, having first broken up the fallow ground. He will have an AI croquet lawn soon. What with postfencing, farming & gardening, etc., etc. (all but the first by proxy) his waking hours fly swift as a weaver's shuttle. Go to it. Bottled up energy is at a discount here at present.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Secretary's Annual Report

(The following has been handed in for publication).

We have much pleasure in submitting the annual report of the ladies' aid society for the year 1883-4.

Our society was organized a year ago & notwithstanding the depression of the past year we have been successful in accomplishing to some extent, the objective for which we banded together, viz., to assist the building fund of the congregation.

We desire to thank our numerous friends who aided us by donations, and otherwise, in all our entertainments, & hope that they will still continue to countenance us by their contributions & patronage.

Mrs. Broadfoot, Pres.
Miss Stalker, Sec.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Received during year	\$262.25
Expenditures for yr.	\$ 32.25
Loaned to bldg. fund	\$175.00
Cash on hand	\$ 5.00

Officers for coming year: Mrs. May, Pres., Mrs. McQueen, Vice-Pres.; Miss Stalker, Sec.-Treas.; Mesdames Galloway, Budge, McAlpine & Small purchasing Com.

TOWN COUNCIL

Court of Revision

Values Tumble to Something Like Common Sense

This court commenced Wed. evening in Andrews Hall. Present were all the members except the Mayor, Coun. Andrews occupying the chair.

The following are the drops made in values: Jas. Findlay, personal property, reduced from \$710 to \$450; NE 25-14-11, belonging to McQueen, from \$4,600 to \$4,000.

Mr. Hamilton was heard on railway appeal. For clear-headedness, unobtrusive ability & gentlemanly bearing, commend us to this gentleman. A title of him in the conduct of town matters in the past would have been as salutary as a foretaste of millennial times. NE 29-14-11 was reduced from \$8,000 to \$4,800. Taxing the roadbed on the main highway was laid over until the Co. gets a title to it. By the Railway Act they can only be taxed for the roadbed on the basis of what is charged per acre for improved lands in the County. The roadway was accordingly put down at \$30 an acre. Roadbed, station buildings and section house were reduced from \$5,500 to \$3,375.

J. Mason's assessment was reduced to \$2,025.

C. Fahrni had S½ 6-15-11 reduced from \$10,000 to \$6,000, and his and Paul's town property reduced from \$3,350 to \$2,500.00. Chris, in advocating the reductions, got off a considerable amount of pepper in the shape of pungent common sense, which as an aid to future better civic digestion, was not to be sneezed at.

The assessments of the larger town properties were considerably reduced, the smaller ones in the same proportion.

In all it is expected the valuations on the assessment roll will tumble about a third, and it is a source of strength, as well as cause for congratulation, that hard pan prices are being reached again. Fortunes on paper are about the worst enemy to the daily expenditure of energy we can have. The less conservation of that commodity the better it is for all round. The council is having an exhausting time of it over the roll. Wed. night was all consumed, two sittings on Thurs. and one last night. We may give next week, if we think it worthwhile, a list of the chief reductions.

The grounds round the registry office have been tastefully laid out. The young maples in front are growing vigorously & soon their leafy branches will afford grateful shelter.



Gladstone Public School — Grade II, 1947-48 — Pupils and Teacher

(BACK ROW): Jack Sladek(?); Richard Grantham; Dennis Bergson; (Ethelbert Saunders or John Leslie); Kenneth MacKenzie, Harold Piche; Robert McBride; (FRONT ROW): Sandra Brooks; Donna McDonald; Beverly Fehr; Wenda Gilman; Heather McAskill; Moira Pritchett; Mae Wilson; Donna Fehr and Margaret Adamson. (Miss Helen Broadfoot, Teacher; to whom we are grateful for this and other primary grade pictures of this era, most of which we hope to feature as the "100 Years Ago" theme progresses).

SATURDAY
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SAT., MAY 31st, 1884:

((Editorial)) . . .
HARD PAN SUPPORT

We should be getting down near, if not quite, to hard pan support in our advertising patronage.

For that bestowed upon us the first year of our existence, we desire to express our thanks; which will be all the heartier once the dimes are forked over.

In such hard times, we could not expect to be patronized to the same extent. Still, less faithful witness-bearing for the best interests of town and county, would have obtained us more.

We are not sorry. "All's well, that ends well." If we go under in the effort to start a system of things whereby the county will be run for the benefit of the settlers, and not made the constantly settling lever prop to gratify the miserable self-seeking of a few - no matter.

We have led the forlorn hope of right against wrong-doing almost since ever this was a settlement, and in that case some abler leader will occupy our post; for this county won't much longer submit to be led to its own destruction, even though our suckers are left stranded high and dry in consequence. Do all your wriggling while you may, for it assuredly won't pay the county to have it continue much longer. "One's Own to Every one" will be better all round.

(Note: The above quotation has been the masthead "battle cry" for readership support from the start of publication. — And we wonder if the above rather "mixed up remarks" are brother John's effort)).

It appears that the last of the Cassidy family 'vamoosed' from McGregor ((Mekivwin)) settlement Monday, though collared for some debt, it is said, on their inglorious way at Neepawa.

A strong force of men and teams, 10 of each, left Golden Stream settlement this week for York Colony to take up new farms and do some breaking on their before returning. ((Would this be the opening up of the Yorkton, Sask. area?)).

Messrs. Hamilton and Webster went up on a hand-car to Arden on Tuesday to attend Lansdowne

Municipality's court of revision. They got back the same day in time to take the train east.

Rev. Mr. Allen got home yesterday.

Mr. Frank Esson is here on a visit.

Miss Davidson has returned to town.

Miss Toane has gone to the Portage to pay a visit to her sister.

Go south these days for grass widows.

Large consignments of freight arrived by yesterday's train.

Mr. McQueen got back yesterday with some agricultural machinery.

Mr. Edwin Rose and family arrived yesterday from the east accompanied by the mayor.

The Central Judicial Board has had a circus over the choice of a site for the assize buildings. The executive decides.

Mrs. Galloway's mother died at Paris, Ont., last Friday, in the 62nd year of her age.

Mr. W. F. Schooley, station agent, and his bride, reached Gladstone by last Friday's train.

Mr. Jacobs, who arrived here from England by last Friday's train, went out north to visit his relations; the Messrs. Corbett, on Tuesday.

A visitant to Gladstone, who has not seen it for four years, was in town a day or two this week, in the person of Mr. John Ball, formerly of Totogan.

Misses McQueen and Morrison, sister and cousin of our Mr. McQueen, arrived last week from Boston. Miss Morrison is going into the millinery and dressmaking business with Mrs. Andrews.

We had a visit from 9 sandhill cranes last Thurs. morning. They were busy feeding in Brown's field across the river. Oh, for a gun to give them a fright at any rate.

The Presbyterian pulpit will be occupied in the absence of the pastor by Rev. Mr. Murdin, Messrs. McKellar, of High Bluff, and Mr. McRae, of Neepawa.

Mr. Thomson, agricultural implement agent, is showing a new iron mower, called the gem, on his new stand on Morris Avenue north of the old Queen's Hotel.

Among the departures east on Tues. were Mrs. S. McAdam, of Blake, to Ottawa; Miss Stalker and Rev. D. Stalker, to Ontario; Mr. McQueen and F. Blackmore for Wpg., and Messrs. Chambers and Lumbers for Portage.

We would suggest to the mill whistler, whoever he is, that if dinner hour is too short in which to make the air hideous with prolonged screeches, gives us a regular jubilee by being silent that hour and pitching into it when we are all working.

The "miller and his men" are hard at work renovating the Broadfoot grist mill.

Mayor Claxton was telegraphed to attend a special meeting of the Judicial Board Thursday.

Farmers are coming into town this week - a sure sign that press of work being well over.

Mr. Wm. Robertson has gone off to Qu'Appelle this week to occupy his new farm.

Hundfeds, yes, thousands of dollars commenced to pour from the clouds yesterday morning in the shape of much-needed rain.

Hugh McKinnon and T. & H. Whitmore got back from Dauphin on Friday last for a short spell. They are greatly taken with their new quarters.

Will some good Samaritan stir up our Richmond correspondent with a long pole. Four girls came there in one week and not one chronicled.

Mr. Allardyce, Jones' miller, went to Wpg. last Sunday. He talks about going back to his old employers, the Ogilvie Milling Co. Mr. Small has been assisting in the mill this week.

Mr. Tot Wilson, of Florence, who was in town this week, reports seeding all through with there. He has 100 acres under crop this season. According to him it's a pretty even race between Richmond and Florence townships as to which has most acres under cultivation.

Richmond Sunday School is organized this year under the superintendency of Mr. Lindsay, and is held at Jordan schoolhouse. The following is the teaching staff: Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Julia Dunning, Miss J. Hill, and Mr. H. McGill; Rev. W. Murdin, Bible Class; Mr. J. Anderson, sec-treas. and librarian. The attendance is from 40 to 50. Speed the good work. ((Readers should remember that Peter Moodie's inclusion of church news and the like is not just good newspaper reporting but an abiding interest due to yrs. of study for the ministry which he had to give up due to poor health which also brought him out to Canada's clean & rejuvenating air)).

Mr. Cory's stable and granary were burned last Sunday through

a prairie fire that got into the dung near them, which had been supposed to have been put out, but had been smoldering all the time, which the great heat of Sunday rekindled into a flame. There were about 150 bushels of oats also burned.

Among the arrivals at the Wilson House this week were: Mr. Hamilton, solicitor for the M. & N. W. Rly Co., and lady; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart; Mr. Jacobs, an English gentleman out on a prospecting tour; and Mr. Webster, of the M. & N.W., engineer.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the English church desire to thank the public for their patronage at both bazaar and lunch table. The proceeds from the bazaar, lunch table and concert amounted to \$65. There were quite a few articles sold. The society still has some on hand which any one can get by applying at the English church parsonage.

We went to haul water the other day from the river, me and a pony and cart, and two barrels, and another two boys; and this is how we did it. We very carefully, at the expense of muscular force, filled the barrels, and then started on our way rejoicing, when suddenly the barrels re-joining, too, we suppose, at being so full these hard, dry times, started to go home ahead of us; which we would not have minded at all, at all, if only they had taken their fullness with them. The next time we get barrels full we'll tie 'em so as prevent 'em doing damage to themselves and us.

Messrs. Slade and Harry Leslie, of southern Livingstone, foregathered with a cinnamon bear last week. She had three cubs with her. They managed to secure one, to which she made no demur, though the little fellow kept up a squalling all the road home. They saw a deer and tried to shoot it, but missed. It was fortunate for them that she was more concerned for her own safety than the cubs', otherwise it would have gone hard with them, as they had only one charge in the gun, and small shot at that; and an axe.

A shocking accident befell one of Mr. Rintoul's mules last Friday afternoon. The team had been engaged all day in preparing ground which was hard and lumpy, with a revolving harrow. At his last stoppage to oil, well on in the afternoon, having tossed down the lines, one of them started, which threw the other one back on the harrow, cutting off about one-third of the hoof. This caused them to start, and before they stopped, some 400 yards away, the poor brute's legs were both badly hacked up. He managed to get him home, and is busy doctoring him with what results remains to be seen. Should he recover he will do nothing for a year. It is most unfortunate as he was the last beast he had.

BIRTHS

At Gladstone, on the 28th inst., to the wife of Mr. Madill, of a son.

At Squirrel Creek, on the 30th inst., the wife of Mr. Mawhinney of a daughter.

FROM FORT QU'APPELLE

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age

Dear Sir: Please send me the Gladstone Age for three months and oblige a poor sinner who wants to know what his friends are doing in Gladstone and surrounding country.

Pie-pot, the Indian chief, and his band of dusky braves are wandering thro' this part of the country in search of better grub than they receive from the govt., and from all accounts succeed very well, going into newly arrived settlers' houses and taking whatever they can lay their hands on. They (the settlers), especially new arrivals, get so greatly alarmed that they will give them anything they have in the house. One settler, I hear, went so far as to go to his hen-roost and kill and cook the whole of them for the Indians. I think it is too bad if the govt., after taking their hunting grounds from them, can't supply them with enough of food to keep them from starving. Some of the poor miserable devils look as if they were scarcely able to walk. I've seen a great many different kinds of Indians since coming to this country, but Pie-pot's braves are the poorest looking specimens of the noble red man I've seen yet. I would not be at all surprised if they would have some trouble with these Indians before a great while. They place too much confidence in them which they may probably find out to their sorrow some day.

Assiniboia, N.W.T. J. F. M.
May 26, 1884.

CENTRAL JUDICIAL BD.

At the Judicial Board meeting last week the members unanimously agreed to pay 12 percent on \$38,000 worth of buildings at the Portage, to be collected on the whole assessable property of the district, not \$60,000 worth as the Portage wished. They appointed Mr. Jackson clerk at a salary of \$900. Mr. Cooper was made solicitor to be paid by fees. The salary of the district auditor was put at \$100. A resolution was put on the minutes to the effect that no account will be paid in future unless passed by the Bd. Every appointment made by the Board has to receive the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor.

GLAD. SCHOOL BOARD

The Board met Tues. evening in the "Age" office, all members being present.

Communications were received from the Superintendent of Education that according to the Am-

ended School Act, estimates of the year must be lodged with the town clerk by June 1st this year, and by May 1st each year subsequently. — Federal Bank re note of \$128. — Carruthers & Brock intimating that the insurance policy on the school building lapsed on the 23 May. — Bain, Blanchard & Mulock furnishing a detailed statement of the \$500 mortgage account, principal and interest due July 1st—\$554.00. — D. Cameron account for cutting ten cords of wood, \$15.00.

The balance sheet of the treasurer showed the receipts from the commencement of the year to be: Town, \$188.85; Govt. grant, \$50; Town, due Board for last year, \$1015.00.

The Sec. was instructed to investigate the \$128 note business.

D. Cameron's account was reduced by \$5.00.

The following estimate of expenditure to the end of the year was prepared and the Sec. was instructed to hand it to the Town clerk without delay: Teacher's salary, half yr., \$300; Sec.-Treas. half year, \$20; wood \$60; building porch, and possible interest on mortgage, note, etc., \$75; and amount to make assets balance liabilities, \$95; Total, \$559.00.

THE "24th" IN GLADSTONE

Genuine Queen's Weather
and Lots Turn Out
To Enjoy It and The Sports

The Queen's birthday was celebrated here last Saturday in the usual loyal fashion. From early morn the flags flaunted in the breeze, business to a great extent gave way to pleasure as large crowds arrived in town from all directions.

The day's sports commenced with the

BASEBALL MATCH

between the married and the single men. The game was very well contested. Commencing, of course, even, the hachelors managed to run pretty well ahead by the time half of the game was played but the benedicks put on a spurt, kept them there, and reduced considerably their lead before the game ended; their staying powers being evidently a bit better developed. This is not the end of it however, as the vanquished mean to try conclusions with the youngsters again some day soon. How sweet is a good dinner when you feel like it and don't need to pay for it, was no doubt the inward reflection of the victors as they sat down cheek to jowl with the losers who provided the sinews of war, to the grand spread in the Wilson House, and masticated this toothsome trophy of their prowess.

((NOTE: Editor Moodie has given the holiday a complete write-up covering well over a full column. If space permits the balance may be included in the June issue; mainly for the many names listed therein)).



The First Galloway Store, under New Tenants (and Paint), 1888

THE ABOVE PICTURE shows the same Galloway Store building that appeared in the April issue in the same place but with a new coat of paint - and some six or seven years later. It is May, 1888, and its new occupant is Mr. Dean, who had been located on Morris across the street from the Presbyterian church, until March 3rd of that year, when, during his absence in Wpg., fire swept thro' his hardware store, etc., Edwin Rose's post office located therein, and the Oddfellows meeting place upstairs, destroying almost everything. A month or so later he was setting up again on Sask. Ave., and going to some pains and paint to eliminate the name of "R. Galloway & Bro." The following excerpt from the May 4th, 1888 "Age" gives an approximate date for the picture: "We note that Mr. Dean and Mr. W. Rintoul have been painting the town red. In front of his store the 'I X L Hardware House' has been displayed in prominent letters while on the side to the station Mr. W. Rintoul has 'put in his best licks' on cotton cloth, the legend, 'Dean & Co., Stoves and Hardware.'" While the world wags Mr. Dean is not willing to be a sleeper, but a rustler." However, only a-couple of months later, in August Mr. Dean, wife and family, leave Gladstone to make their home in the States, from whence he had come. Seemingly he was very well liked and took his part well in all town affairs.